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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER  
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Docket Number:  
**1662/53002**

Application Number <b>09/887,204</b>	Filing Date <b>June 22, 2001</b>	Examiner <b>FUBARA, Blessing M.</b>	Art Unit <b>1618</b>
Invention Title <b>RAPIDLY EXPANDING COMPOSITION FOR GASTRIC RETENTION AND CONTROLLED RELEASE OF THERAPEUTIC AGENTS, AND DOSAGE FORMS INCLUDING THE COMPOSITION</b>		Inventors <b>M. Fleshner-Barak et al.</b>	

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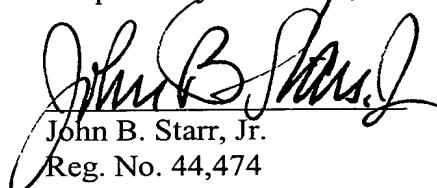
- Transmitted herewith for filing is the Reply and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 with Request for Extension of Time and Authorization to Debit for the above-identified application.
- The Petition for Extension of Time and the Authorization to Debit are located on Page 8 of the enclosed document.
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- E. Any additional post-patent processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20; or
  - F. Any additional miscellaneous fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.21.
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